**8pm CET Saturday Europe Literature Meeting/ Speaker Meeting Format and Group Conscience Format**

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Chapter 5 "How it works": (Chair top read - not post in chat)

"Rarely have we seen a person fail who has thoroughly followed our path. Those who do not recover are people who cannot or will not completely give themselves to this simple program, usually men and women who are constitutionally incapable of being honest with themselves. There are such unfortunates. They are not at fault; they seem to have been born that way. They are naturally incapable of grasping and developing a manner of living which demands rigorous honesty. Their chances are less than average. There are those, too, who suffer from grave emotional and mental disorders, but many of them do recover if they have the capacity to be honest. Our stories disclose in a general way what we used to be like, what happened, and what we are like now. If you have decided you want what we have and are willing to go to any length to get it -then you are ready to take certain steps. At some of these we balked. We thought we could find an easier, softer way. But we could not. With all the earnestness at our command, we beg of you to be fearless and thorough from the very start. Some of us have tried to hold on to our old ideas and the result was nil until we let go absolutely. Remember that we deal with alcohol -cunning, baffling, powerful! Without help it is too much for us. But there is One who has all power -that One is God. May you find Him now! Half measures availed us nothing. We stood at the turning point. We asked His protection and care with complete abandon. Here are the steps we took, which are suggested as a program of recovery:

1. We admitted we were powerless over alcohol, that our lives had become unmanageable.

2. Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

3. Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.

4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.

5. Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

6. Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

7. Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.

8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.

9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

10. Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

11. Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.

12. Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

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I have selected a passage from AA’s approved literature and will read it. (or ask Someone else to read/share). Then I will share on the topic of the literature or things related to alcoholism (or ask someone else to share and read). (Do not cut and paste from Literature into the text box as this is a copyright breach). Meeting is open for shares.

10 mins before the end of the meeting – Chair will ask for burning desires from new and struggling alcoholics.

5 mins before the end wrap up the meeting by asking: Are there any AA related announcements?

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Chair reads a Vision for you:

A VISION FOR YOU p. 164 from the book Alcoholics Anonymous (Do not cut and paste into chat).

Our book is meant to be suggestive only. We realize we know only a little. God will constantly disclose more to you and to us. Ask Him in your morning meditation what you can do each day for the man who is still sick. The answers will come, if your own house is in order. But obviously you cannot transmit something you haven’t got. See to it that your relationship with Him is right, and great events will come to pass for you and countless others. This is the Great Fact for us.

Abandon yourself to God, as you understand God. Admit your faults to Him and to your fellows. Clear away the wreckage of your past. Give freely of what you find and join us. We shall be with you in the Fellowship of the Spirit, and you will surely meet some of us as you trudge the Road of Happy Destiny.

May God bless you and keep you—until then.

Let’s say the serenity prayer.

Meeting is done.

Speaker Meeting Format ( First Saturday of the month)

Hi, welcome to the Saturday Speaker meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. This is an open meeting. I’m \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and I am an alcoholic (wait for hellos). I’ll be the chairperson for this meeting and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the tech host. Our Speaker tonight is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Say hello to all (wait for hellos). If you get disconnected, call aaonlinemeeting (BIG BOOK icon) from your contact list, do not call the group!. The tech host will rejoin you to the conference call. Please mute your microphone when you are not sharing and please do not interrupt the meeting to tell others to mute their microphones or for any other reason - this is the duty of the chair.

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I Shall now hand the meeting over to the Speaker and they will share their experience strength and hope:

After their share -

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Close with the serenity prayer: Let’s say the serenity prayer.

Meeting is DONE! ☺

Group Conscience Format / Date

Open meeting by Reading the Traditions

Our Group has defined a group member –

A person with no service positions in other aaonlinemeeting meetings and a regular attendee.

Only votes in this meeting, (Saturday Evening).

Only members may first and second a motion and vote on it.

Clarify who is a group member? Only members may first and second a motion and vote on it.

Nonmembers may share once at the beginning of the meeting and then observe.

Service Positions Held

Meeting Chair (Term 1 Month) –

Tech Host (Term 1 Month)-

Group Conscience Chair (Term 1 Year)-

Group Secretary (Term 1 Year)-

Group GSR (Term 1 Year)-

Speaker finder and Timekeeper (Term 1 Year) -

Discuss Old Business

New Business/Matters arising

Close with serenity prayer